

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This current Reply is responsive to a current and Final Office Action dated (mailed) 08/07/2006. In this current Office Action, pending claims 1-4, 6-14, and 16-32 were examined, and all pending claims were rejected.

No claims are canceled or added by this Reply. Hence, claims 1-4, 6-14, and 16-32 continue to be presented for examination.

It is noted that two other documents accompany submission of this current Reply. These two documents are: (1) a Request to Rescind the Finality of the Previous Office Action and (2) a Request for an Examiner Interview.

The former (1) document explains why the Final Rejection status should be rescinded and prosecution continued in accordance with standard MPEP procedures.

The latter (2) document is, more specifically, an "Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form" PTOL-413A. **Applicants' representative requests that the Examiner Interview occur prior to issuance of another Office Action.** Applicants' representative will be available on a day and at a time of the Examiner's convenience.